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# LETTER OF WILLIAM PENN TO JAMES LOGAN, 1702.

[The following long and interesting letter of William Penn to James Logan has been recently added to the Manuscript Division of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.]

LONDON 28th $\frac{m}{5}$ 1702.

JAMES LOGAN.

Thy letters both by Capt. Miller & by J. Sacher, with box of packets &c. I have received, but any thing of an answear in perticuler must not now be expected, for want of time to digest so much writeing yet something I will hint at.

1 I have writt by N. Puckle at large, and so by young Tregenes ship, Hen. Childe the person to deliver it; an honest man.

2 C. Quary is gone, I suppose run away from my prosecution & and the Mercts & Owners of the Providence, for at Notingham there is a Tryall this Assize on yt acc$^{tt}$. likely to goe agst him for £2000 tho there are endeavours usd to putt it by till ye records of ye Tryall in ye Province arrive. He is an artfull Knave & so govern thyselfe towards him.

3 I believe P. George will be your viceroy, & ye Council of Trade his Council, with a change of members; wch may better things there, he being an honorable & worthy man; and I hope so will his Lt. Genll & Admirall be, yt will superintend wth a fleet for those parts of the world, but of this only informe the Gover & a few discreet Persons upon discretion.

4 I believe this Parl. will not meddle with our Grannts, but I am willing to settle things, wch would please some people, for whose sake, & because we will first be justified agst Quarys vile & base informations, I have refused to comply as yet with terms, tho I know they are advanced agst us for that reason.

5 By all means hasten Kebles Cirtificat authentick, & urge Govr Hamil[ton] or ye Magistrates to oblige Ch. Reed to give his evidence about that knavery. Q. has huddle up his accts. by Blathwaits means, with ye Lds of ye Admiralty, unknown to the Drs. Commons, but all will be overhal'd. Whatever you do, load him wth truths insted of the falshoods he has loaded us with. He has so basely used Gov. Ham. that there is [no] Peace with such a villain; his Perry & others, saught to me for it; but I could not be such a culle and senseless creature, as to accept of it. I will sooner loose all than be at peace with a forger of lies to ruine me.

6 By my son, (and family I think) at least by the Messenger (that if it stays not for him thinks of sayling in 10 or 12 days) I shall be more particular. However, I hope by this to send the answers Q. gave to my complaint, & my reply; by wch you will have an hint of things how close I strike. Malitia (?) is all they have to hitt us with. Govr Ham: the D. of Somerset tould me was not refusd by ye K. or Q. on any acct. But a charge of indulgeing of Scotch Traders & ships, wch that founder'd fellow Randall took his oath of, & offer'd to repeat it, and that being a main point he feared would hardly suffer the Q. to allow him us. But the D. of Queensborough being upon ye raode, I shall apply to him (with the D. of Somerset, now Master of the House) so soon as arrived, to encounter yt difficulty, & send ye event with the first opertunity; for his name lyes before ye Queen for her approbation, & has a great while, I am just come from the Lord High Treasurer & Ld Privy Seal, who promess to recommend him to ye Queen ye next cabinet, or have her reasons; also an order to hear the Lords of Trade & me upon Quarys Impostures & visions. I yet hope a tollerable Issue.

7 Nothing will hinder my sons family & him consequently more than ye visitation with ye small pox the Lord clears ye poor country of it.

8 I want advice for those scraps of bills, they ask for you Mundy especially, Capt Hyde takes time for ye 13 lbs to accept or not, ye 40 ss. he has accepted pray hasten more.

9 I had hopes to have writt thee my daughter was married, but a messenger is come from Chichister to call away John, so yt I must press, but 2 days hence (5th this being 3d) ye solemnity will be over. I leave to John ye story of ould & young Mast$^{rs}$ or *Mark* to save time & room

10 Pray quiet Ed. ffarmer, J. Growden &c: till my son comes, unless I should have more time to be perticular now wch is doubtfull, ye winde being faire, after long westerly winds.

11 Goverr Ham. is to have £200 p an. made good by me, if fines and perquisits amount not to it. I am no other wise concern'd here is a settled animosity agst him, wch would I but connive at not 14 days agoe I was offer'd w$^{t}$. I would for a new deputy. But I dispaire not yet of him.

12 Tho ffairman, since thou knowst his abilitys, good will to me &c treat him accordingly, till thou hast myn p$^{r}$ my son.

13 Things within doors move with an unspeakable delatoriness here, but seem vigilent abt forraign affaires; or we had come to an issue longe agoe.

14 Pray let us have affidavits of Sneads frauds, moore saying, so he might get mony, he cared not how, nor of whom, also wt betty web & weaver can remember of her husbds accts wt mony. R. Web pd Quary, and compare it with the inclosed acct I want ye last appraisemt of Lumbys goods; faile not to send it, authentick.

15 I send thee a copy of G. Heathcots agreemt & by yt his baseness will be better seen, also the atturny Genlls opinion as to admiralty Jurisdiction & the outcry of Quary about ye water balyifs Comissn.

16 Pray lett Wm. Hall have full powr abt my interest,

& if [he/you] can secure S. Hedges agst one of ye falsest of men Dr. Cox. I have his fathers Interest, yt if I had nothing else I take it to be sufficient, young cox sent to me to wait upon me, I answered wn he pleased wn in town, but never come at me, if there use him as he deserves. Kit after Kine. Thy caracter of T. ff is ye Docs. to an haires breadth.

17 There is no need of holding any assembly, & I had rather it were putt by till the laws are confirm'd at least till a depty. be approved wch shall be ye same if faire or hard words can prevale.

18 C. Quarys denys he ever sayd he was to have ye Kgs 1/3d for his sallary, or that he ever writt to York to T. wenham for that lettr back yt Inclosed the Comis. to T. ff. & J. W. for water balifs; or that he sent it on ye provocat. of affidavts sent by me for enq. agst him or that he ever urged under appraismnts upon C. Reed &c in favour of owners in all wch methinks thou mayst be able to contradict some things thou hast already, as to thy affidavit, & wt thou sayst of Ch. R. discourse, 2 horrid prevarications & most audacious untruths & denials of truths, more in both those respect would be good here; since wt distroys his credit disapoints our enimys here as well as there, who use him for a toole agst us.

19 He has confidently told ye Lords & Queen in Council he was deny'd an appeal in Byfields case, & therefore pray'd an order to have the cause over to be heard before ye Queen, but Bif[ield] & he crossing one another before ye Comer of Plantations, one saying yt J. Moor refus'd tryal because his Clyent Bif[ield] ordered him to have a jury upon oath, & B. deny'd he gave any such instruction, or even to appeal itself upon a judgemt receiv'd, hobbles Quary & his Matters extreamly. In short ye Bp. of Lond. & Comr. Blathwayt are sayd to have sent for him over to prejudice us & the govermt. and ye Bp. being one prop fide, I apply to an higher bord, where I now am, viz, a committe of ye ministers, yet

about ye months public before marriage, he seemed reasonable. I have, because I must have done, only R. Janny &c fell into the french hands wch I refer to Sacher as I do him to my Comrs. to encourage him, for I will have John rewarded well.

20 I bless ye Ld we are pretty well, all our Dr. loves to ffrds if named, the Govr. & Council & Comer of Ld and pub. ffds. in perticuler. The Hopewell I am not free to ensure, but hear nothing of her. Pray see wt thou canst do to detect Quarys acct. herin sent, by him given to ye Comers of ye Customs & Lords of the Admiralty; it is of great moment but wt ever is done, one or two witnesses viva voce, outway 100 affidavits. The Parl. & Judges rejectg. them. But the wise Comers. of T. & P. need none but can Judge exparte; for wch they are growing rediculous; however affidavits are better than nothing & goe a great way wth ym wn they can perswade ym selves to be indifferent, remember me to J. Bewly, tell him I never made use of ye cirtificat he signed; he is well esteemed at ye Custom house.

21 Pray let me have a clear acct of ye remainder of our & T. & Ls. debts about Gillams good to finish here, wch I cant for want of it.

22 Tell T. ffairman I dined tother day with his Bro. & Sist. in Southwark, where I did him some service; & his Bror. is hearty, & is for coming too. I must conclude for this time. I am.

thy reale ffriend,

Wm. Penn.

Let S. Carpenter Know how well I take his love, tho by reason of J. Gs being at ye Bath I have done nothing in it as yet also salute me to Is. Norris whose love & respect by his lettr. I was pleased with & acknowledge. W. & Jane Biles come now, she has a request to ye Comers. if reasonable favour her else keep tite to your rules. I cannot just now find G. H. paper, may perhaps ere ye ship goes. ffor my cos. ashton I am willing to be as kind

as I can, & am sorry the Town Clashes with the Country; let the Gover$^{r}$ be desired to mediate yt affaire, for ye land. It is asking me so much mony out of my pocket, nor will I let it goe for 4 or 500 acres, but to reduce his other pretentions, & give security for ye overplus of ye vallue, if any, and in case it ever was a part of ye Mannor of Springfield, I cant part with such a quantity, but more of this fr my son; only tell ed. ffarmer nobody else, if not he, shall have a foot of ye land he requires of me. vale.